

REMARKS

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6, and Group (II), Claims 7-13.

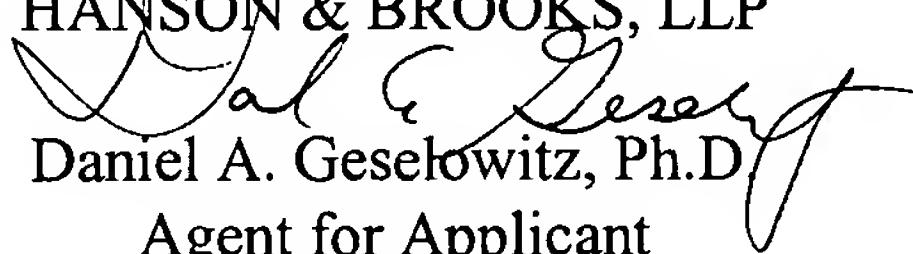
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 7-13, without traverse, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

Claims 1-6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 7-13 are pending.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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